

## **Culture and Equity Across Time**

While growing up, I believed that America was somewhat of a perfect utopia. I thought that the U.S. was wonderful and that nothing could go wrong and I thought there wasn't any more segregation between blacks and whites. I thought that America was above racism and looked at everyone with equal eyes. I was wrong. You know that one string where you just keep pulling and pulling it until eventually the whole thing falls apart? One second you have a nicely sewn sock, and then next you only have a jumbly mound of thread.

For me, that was kinda like the past few months. Some exposure here, some exposure there, until eventually the whole thing falls apart. I had started to realize how segregated we really are, and I saw it in bits and pieces. Then the riots started and I began to realize, really began to realize, just how far America is from being a perfect utopia. I began to realize just how much we humans segregate and set ourselves apart from one another.

What would happen, where would we be able to go, how much would we be able to progress, if we would just look at everyone as an equal whether they are black or white, rich or poor, young or old? What advancements and accomplishments would we make if we were to only work together and give everyone an equal chance?

There is a story about crabs. These crabs are trapped in a bucket and they all want to get out, but instead of helping each other when they are trying to escape, they pull each other down. They all have the same goal, they all want to escape, and they could escape if they would only help each other out instead of dragging each other down. What would we as humans be able to do if instead of dragging each other down, we lifted each other up?

In conclusion, I once thought that America was practically a perfect place where everyone was happy. Over time, though, I have learned that, unfortunately, many people treat each other unkindly and unfairly. Even though this may be the case, I have hope for the future that we can all learn to be a little more kind and respectful to others no matter who they may be. We all have the power to change the world, we just have to use it.